



APPROVED MINUTES
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
7441 E. Indian School Rd. Monsoon Room
Scottsdale, AZ
Wednesday, March 16, 2005
5:15 p.m.

1) Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Basinger at 5:21p.m. noting the presence of a quorum

2) Roll Call and Approval of 2/16/05 meeting minutes

Members Present: Dan Basinger, Chair
Michele Cohen
Ron Hand
Jay Spector
Randy Nussbaum (arrived at 5:28pm)

Members Absent: Don Manthe, Vice Chair
Brian Munson

City Staff Present: Larry Person
Chuck Skidmore
Anthony Floyd

Other Attendees: Andrea Tintle-Sun Festival

On motion made by Board Member Spector and seconded by Board Member Hand, the minutes from the February 16, 2005 minutes were approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of (4-0).

3) Old Business

City Parks Recycling Update

Board Member Spector advised the Board that the pilot project is well underway. He noted that results from Solid Waste from the first week were somewhat disappointing due to a malfunction in the security feature in keeping the lids closed. However, he expressed optimism about future results. Board Member Spector referred to an article in the Arizona Republic dated March 15, 2005 describing the pilot recycling program. Mr. Person recommended documenting the date of the refinements to the canisters, for future reference. Board Member Spector indicated that the mauve cans would remain at DC Ranch Park for ongoing use.

LEED Policy Update

Mr. Person advised the Board that the LEED Policy is now scheduled for the March 22 Mayor/Council meeting, and is on the consent agenda. Chair Basinger noted that this final version contains several positive changes from the last version. He thanked Mr. Person, Floyd, and Skidmore for their efforts in promoting the policy. Mr. Person noted that, upon passage, Scottsdale would be the only city in the nation to have a LEED gold policy on the books. Discussion ensued.

Chair Basinger advised that the Governor's proclamation orders that the State will reduce energy consumption by ten percent, will increase water conservation, and all buildings paid for by State funds will be LEED silver.

Motorized Play Vehicles Subcommittee Appointment

Chair Basinger stated that the Board had been asked to assist the Transportation Department in evaluating motorized play vehicles. He added that the EQAB focus had been noise issues. He stated that the only meeting would be March 31 at 6:00 pm in the Kiva.

Chair Basinger appointed Board Members Cohen and Spector to the subcommittee and noted that he would also serve on that committee.

4) Standing Committee Reports

Green Building

Green Building Chair Cohen reported on the March 8, 2005 Green Building Committee meeting. She stated that she had a tentative total of 8,000 for volunteer hours expended by members of the Green Building subcommittee over the last year. She explained that the projects included

the Green Building Expo, Remodeling Guidelines, Lecture Series, Commercial Checklist, Scottsdale Design Day, Residential Checklist, Home Tour and Green Building meeting hours. She asked direction from the Board as to how best to present this information to Mayor and Council. Mr. Person recalled that the Charter from Mayor and Council to EQAB states that one of the principle responsibilities of the body is to give environmental awards where appropriate. He proposed summarizing the volunteer hours and positive achievements for presentation of an Environmental Award for 2005 to the Green Building Committee by the EQAB.

Mr. Hand reported that the Graphics Department should have the Remodeling Guidelines completed within the next two weeks. He noted that the subcommittee would do a final review before publication.

Board Member Cohen also noted that the Mayor had acknowledged the Green Building Committee in her State of the City address and mentioned Scottsdale Design Day and applauded the efforts of the professionals and volunteers.

Water Advisory Committee

Board Member Spector reported that the committee did not meet this month. He observed that, even with the recent rain, the State is still considered to be in a drought situation.

Energy Advisory Committee

Chair Basinger stated that the Committee met on March 15, with a quorum present. He noted that existing city plans were being reviewed, and that the goal of the committee was to formulate a comprehensive energy plan.

Sun Festival

Ms. Tintle again raised the issue of composting. She stated that the McDowell Mountain Music Festival plans to do composting at their event. She noted that approximately 10,000 attendees are expected at the Music Festival. Ms. Tintle suggested initiating a pilot project for the composting and asked for direction as to that possibility. Discussion ensued as to past efforts, potential problems, and possible solutions. Ms. Tintle added that the trash bins would be staffed to ensure that contamination would be kept to a minimum. Mr. Person observed that the solution involves engaging a reliable vendor to collect and transport the material and do the composting.

EnviroKidsFest '05

Board Member Nussbaum distributed a Volunteer sign-up sheet. He noted that Ms. Basinger is coordinating the volunteer effort. Mr. Person advised that 1400 T-shirts had been ordered for the children, teachers, and volunteers. He stated that he had asked Board Member Cohen to organize a group to judge the art poster and mural submittals from the students.

5) Updates and Reminders

Board Member discussion of environmental topics

Board Member Nussbaum expressed concern as to the absence of recycling at the Arts Festival. Discussion ensued as to an ongoing reticence by the Arts Council to employ recycling at its events. Mr. Person observed that several components were needed: staff time to empty the containers, pick up by Solid Waste, and an airtight procedure, with training for all of the volunteers as to what can and cannot go into the containers. Chair Basinger also commented on timing issues for garbage trucks, as they are dedicated for recycling only on Thursdays and Fridays.

- a) LEED Policy on City Council Agenda March 22, 2005.
- b) Next Green Building Lecture Series:
 - April 7, 2005 "Water Efficiency in The Sonoran Desert"
 - Next Solar Lecture Series:
 - April 21, 2005 "Strategies: Site and Situation"
- c) The next Meeting is scheduled for 4/20/05.
- d) Next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, April 2, 2005

6) Public Comment

No members of the public responded.

7) Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg